



“For without the word of God
water is plain water and not a baptism.
But water joined with God’s word is a baptism,
that is, a grace-filled water of life.”
From Martin Luther’s Small Catechism, on Holy Baptism

Time After Epiphany
Second Sunday After Epiphany
January 19, 2025

Welcome. We are blessed by your presence among us today. This bulletin contains the outline and words for worship this morning. Please see the back pages of this bulletin for ministry announcements and additional welcome information about New Joy Lutheran Church.

Little children are always welcome in worship – even and especially when they’re a little noisy! We welcome children to worship God by toddling around, playing with toys, shaking tambourines, babbling, singing, and coming to the Lord’s Table. If little ones get too noisy during spoken parts of the service – the reading of Scripture, the sermon, or prayers – please try to quiet them or take them into the hallway for a moment to calm down. Thank you!

Our **nursery** is also available most Sundays for **children aged 5 and under**.

God’s promises are at the heart of our worship. God promises justice for the lowly, forgiveness for the sinner, hope for the despairing, and joy for the sorrowful. These promises are “the Good News of Jesus Christ,” fulfilled by Jesus’s birth as a vulnerable child, his works of liberation and grace among us, and his victory over sin, death, and injustice by his resurrection from the grave. In the songs and prayers, Scripture and preaching, you’ll hear of God’s promise for you personally, for society, for this world that God so loves.

Our worship style is patterned after centuries of tradition reaching back to some of the earliest Christian communities. Our service is structured yet also informal, shaped by tradition yet also new. We observe seasons that lift up various themes from the life of Jesus and the mission of the church. In our prayers we pray not just for ourselves but for the church; all of creation; our neighbors and our society; the sick and suffering; and, for the blessed departed. We pray seeking that God’s promises would come to us and through us to a world in need.

Holy Communion is a meal of Christ’s radical welcome, real presence, and complete forgiveness. All are welcome to receive the gift of Jesus’ body and blood in the bread and cup of Holy Communion. We use grape juice for communion, and gluten-free bread is available upon request. Not sure whether to receive communion, or how? Simply find the pastor in the communion line and ask.

Welcome. We are so glad you are with us today.

INTRODUCTION: The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

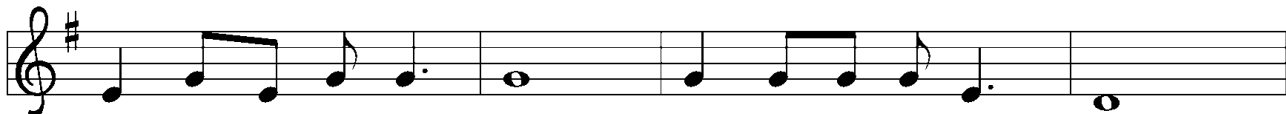
PRELUDE SONG

WORDS OF WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

OPENING SONG: This Little Light Of Mine



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

BAPTISMAL PROMISE

This baptismal litany is inspired by Scripture and by Martin Luther's explanations of Holy Baptism as found in his Small and Large Catechisms (SC and LC).

We are baptized into Christ Jesus:
into Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

ROMANS 6:1-11

We walk in newness of life!

Baptism is a rising up from grace-filled waters,
a bath of the new birth in the Holy Spirit,
according to God's mercy.

SC
TITUS 3:5

Baptism is water joined with
God's word, God's command, God's name.

LC

And where God's name is,
there is life and salvation.

LC

We are baptized for one reason: *to be saved.*

LC

To be saved is nothing else than this:

**to be delivered from sin, death, and the devil,
to enter into Christ's kingdom,
and to live with Christ forever.**

LC

To live with Christ forever is to live *here and now*
for the sake of the neighbor God gives us and
for the sake of this world that God so loves.

LUKE 10:27
JOHN 3:16

Give us faith, O God,

to love our neighbors and to love our enemies.

LUKE 6:27-36

Give us faith, O God

to do good to those who hate us;

to bless those who curse us.

Give us faith, O God

to give to those who ask,

and to expect nothing in return.

Give us faith, O God

to do for others as we would have them do for us.

Give us faith, O God

for we are baptized into Christ Jesus;

we can endure and do all things

through Christ who strengthens us.

PHILIPPIANS 4:10-14

Amen.

Pastor continues with words of invitation and promise; concluding:

For God's promises in baptism remain forever.
God's steadfast love endures forever.

LC
PSALM 136

Any who are seeking to be baptized or to publicly affirm their baptism are invited to come forward at this time, or to speak with Pastor following worship, to arrange for Baptism or Affirmation of Baptism at a future service. If you come forward at this time we will bless your desire to seek baptism or affirmation of baptism. We will pray for you now, and eagerly look forward to your baptism/affirmation of baptism day. We do not "re-baptize" people who have already been baptized, but instead affirm the promises God gives in baptism.

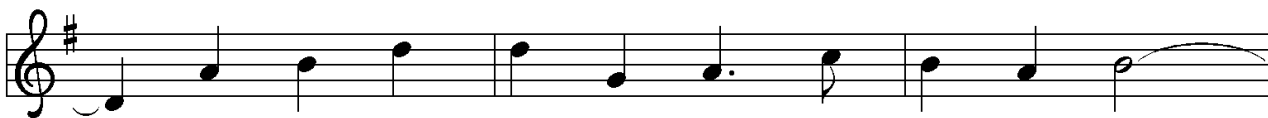
BAPTISMAL SONG – We Know That Christ Is Raised



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HEBREW BIBLE

Isaiah 62:1-5

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.

- ¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
- ² The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
- ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- ⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
- ⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 36:5-10

℞ *We feast upon the abundance of your house, O Lord. (Ps. 36:8)*

⁵ Your love, O Lord, reaches ^l to the heavens,
and your faithfulness ^l to the clouds.

⁶ **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like ^l the great deep;**

you save humankind and ani- ^l mals, O Lord. ℞

⁷ How priceless is your ^l love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow ^l of your wings.

⁸ **They feast upon the abundance ^l of your house;
you give them drink from the river of ^l your delights.**

⁹ For with you is the ^l well of life,
and in your light ^l we see light.

¹⁰ **Continue your lovingkindness to ^l those who know you,
and your favor to those who are ^l true of heart. ℞**

EPISTLE

Corinthians 12:1-11

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

you.”⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.⁷ Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim.⁸ He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it.⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom¹⁰ and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.”¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

repeated; see above

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY: Bind Us Together

C, V1, C, V2, C, V3, C

Chorus

Bind us together Lord
Bind us together with cords
That cannot be broken
Bind us together Lord
Bind us together Lord
Bind us together with love

Verse 1

There is only one God
There is only one King
There is only one body
That is why we can sing, **Chorus**

Verse 2

Made for the glory of God
Purchased by His precious Son
Born with the right to be clean
For Jesus the vict'ry has won, **Chorus**

Verse 3

You are the fam'ly of God
You are the promise divine
You are God's chosen desire
You are the glorious new wine, **Chorus**

MISSION STATEMENT

New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community called by God to extend a radical welcome, share a generous grace, nurture transforming faith, and live God's promise.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Each petition concludes:
God of Grace,
Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.
Please extend a sign of Christ's peace with those around you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

MEAL

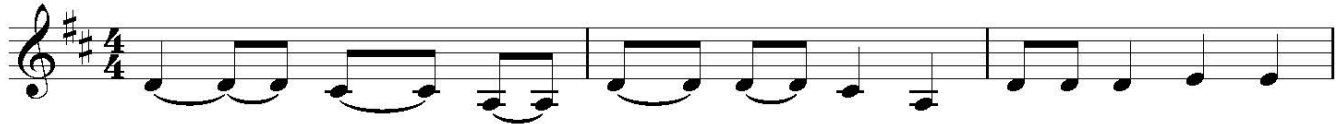
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Eucharistic Prayer, which includes Jesus' words instituting the Lord's Supper, concludes with the Lord's Prayer – which, this season, we will sing.

THE LORD'S PRAYER – West Indian



Our Fath - er, who art in heav - en; hal low-ed be Thy
 earth as it is in heav - en;
 give us our tres - pass - es;
 lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion;
 Thine is the king -dom and the pow - er and the glor - y;
 men, a - men it shall be so;



name. Thy king - dom come, Thy
 Give us this day our
 As we for - give those who
 But de - liv - er us from
 For Thine is the king -dom, and the
 A - men, a - men, it



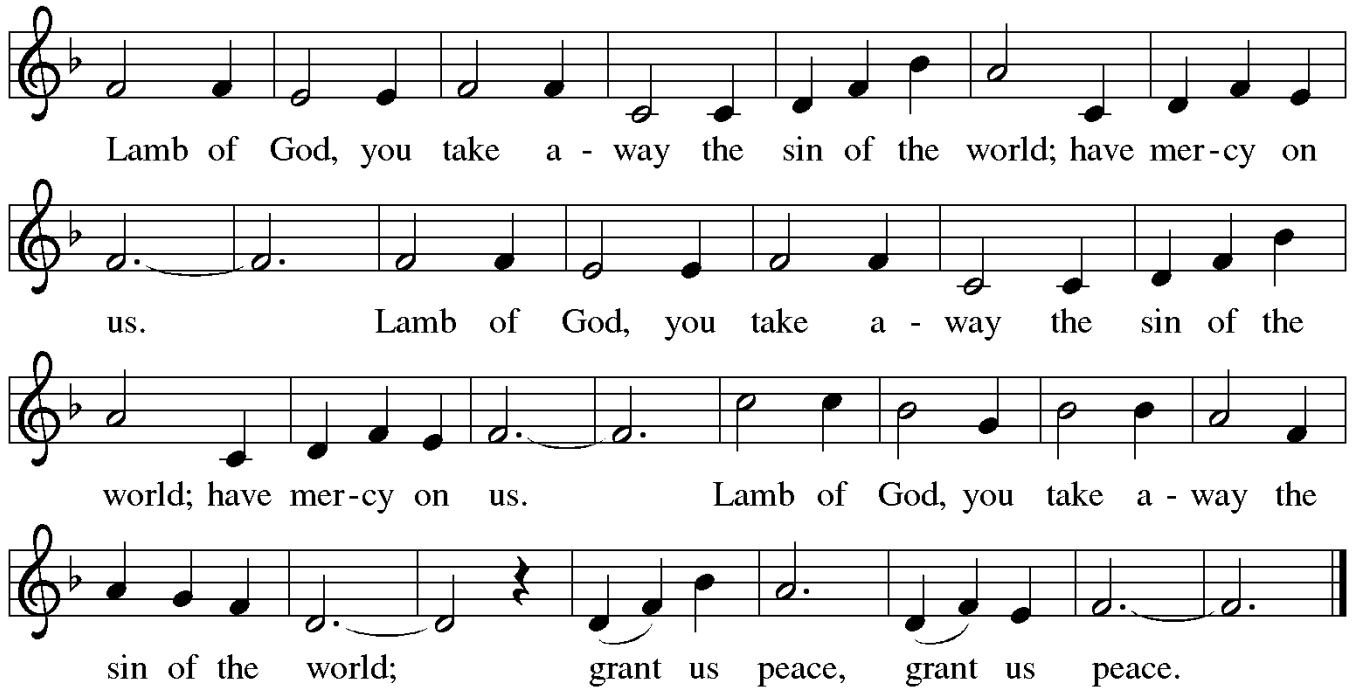
will be done; hal-low-ed be Thy name. On
 dai - ly bread; And for -
 tres - pass a-against us; And
 all that is ev - il; For
 pow - er and the glor - y; A -
 shall be so; A -

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

All are welcome to the table of our Lord's grace and mercy to receive Christ in the bread and cup of this holy supper. We use grape juice for communion, and gluten-free bread is available upon request. Not sure whether to receive communion, or how? Simply find the pastor in the communion line and ask. After the instructions:

These are the gifts of God
 for you the people of God.
 And for that we say:
Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD – *Lamb of God (Young)*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC – Thy Word

C, V1, V2

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

Verse 1

When I feel afraid
And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

Verse 2

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end

SONG – Father Let Your Kingdom Come

C, V1, C, V2, B, C×2

Chorus

Hallelu hallelujah
Father let Your kingdom come

Verse 1

May the works of my hands bring You
joy
May the works of my hands bring You
joy
May the works of my hands bring You
joy
May the works of my hands bring You
joy, **Chorus**

Verse 2

May the words from my mouth speak
Your peace
May the words from my mouth speak
Your peace
May the words from my mouth speak
Your peace
May the words from my mouth speak
Your peace

Bridge

You make all things new
You make all things new
In places we don't choose
You make all things new, **Chorus x2**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG – Our God

V1, V2, C, V2, C, B, Cx2, B, Cx2

Verse 1

Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

Verse 2

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

Chorus

Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power our God our God

Bridge

And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
(Then) what could stand against

Chorus x2, Bridge, Chorus x2

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE MUSIC

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We give thanks for all who give of themselves for service to God and to this community.

A special welcome to The Rev. Dan Forehand who is leading us in worship today. Pastor Dan is Assistant to the Bishop for Emerging Ministers and Emerging Ministries, and Director for Candidacy, for the Indiana-Kentucky Synod. Pastor Chris is on a Border Immersion this weekend with members and friends of New Joy.

The band is led by our Minister of Music, Glenn Hoffman, and includes Jim Gregory on keyboard & Karen Archbold on vocals. The Sound Board is run by Steve Castle.

	Today	Next Sunday, Jan. 26
Assisting Minister	Kristen Abbey	Chris Studer
Reader	Kyle Blakley	Open
Acolyte	Jane Abbey	Open
Livestream Operator		Naaman Duckworth
Altar Guild	Morgan Studer	Morgan Studer
Nursery Care		Anya, Lucy
Ushers	Chris Studer, Lyn Nore	Lauren Clark, Andrew Clark
Greeters	Jessica Allen, Doug Holland	Jenny Platt, Jennifer Kocolowski

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYFUL GIRLS’ FEBRUARY DINNER – Thursday, February 13, 2025, 6:00pm, Pies & Pints at Clay Terrace in Carmel, IN! The address is 14550 Clay Terrace Blvd, Ste 100, Carmel, IN 46032. Please join us for fellowship and a lovely evening. Please RSVP to Sylvia Lux at sylviaklux@gmail.com.

OPEN ENROLLMENT - NEW JOY PRESCHOOL – Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is now open for New Joy Lutheran Church Members! Please reach out to Miranda Verik, our Preschool Director, at preschool@newjoy.org. Enrollment will open to the public on January 22, 2025.

OPEN DOORS CURRENT NEEDS – Next time you’re shopping, please remember our food-insecure neighbors. Open Doors is in need of **instant potatoes, tomato paste, Hamburger Helper, and jelly**. Donations can be brought to church or taken directly to Open Doors (on the campus of Monon Trails Elementary School, Tomlinson Road just north of 191st Street).

JEWISH-LUTHERAN DIALOGUE EVENT, “Wrestling with Luther’s Legacies,” is coming to New Joy on Wednesday, February 5, at 6:30pm. Martin Luther was a faithful 16th century church reformer, but he also demonized Jews and Judaism. His words exacerbated a long tradition of Christian hatred of the Jews, and gave fuel to the fire of 20th century Nazi Germany’s genocide against the Jews. How do we understand Luther’s legacies? This dialogue event will begin to explore that question from Christian and Jewish perspective.

In preparation for this event Pastor Chris will make short readings available (in print and online) for you to read prior to this event. Sign-up for the event in the link shared in the most recent *The Friday Email*.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES –are you or someone you know interested in joining New Joy Lutheran Church? We hold new member classes once/year each winter. Classes are held immediately following worship for several weeks in February with newcomers and “oldcomer” established church members. The class also includes a dinner at Pastor Chris’ house. Please let Pastor Chris or Nicole Williams, Parish Administrator (office@newjoy.org), know if you’re interested in joining.

COFFEE HOUR is shared on the first Sunday of the month, and on other special occasions. If you would like to help with our monthly Coffee Hour, please reach out to Kristi Kittilstved.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Today! On Sunday, January 26, following worship we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting. Thank you to all our committees for turning in your reports.

NEW MINISTRY TEAMS are forming next month. Are you interested in contributing to our [Christian Learning](#) or [Worship Ministry](#) teams? If so, contact Pastor Chris or Becky Suchomel, our Ministry Board President.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



Today, Sunday, January 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worship, 9:30am, Welcome Rev. Dan Forehand, Assistant to the Bishop
Monday, January 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Preschool today in Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day• BSA Troops 1910/1920, 6:30-8:00pm
Tuesday, January 21 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seasoned Believers, Chick Fil-A, Carmel, 9:00-10:30am• Preschool 3's, 9:30am
Wednesday, January 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preschool 4's, 9:30am• Preschool Enrollment opens to the public• Band Rehearsal, 7:30-8:15pm
Thursday, January 23 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preschool 3's, 9:30am• Ministry Board Meeting, 6:30-8:00pm
Friday, January 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preschool 4's, 9:30am
Saturday, January 25
Sunday, January 26 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worship, 9:30am• Annual Congregational Meeting, 10:30am-12:00pm• <i>Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under during worship and during Annual Congregational Meeting</i>• Confirmation Ministry and Youth Group, 4:00-5:30pm

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Extend a Radical Welcome We are a spirited community that strives to welcome, value, accept, and nurture all people wherever they are in their relationship with God. Since our founding in 2002, New Joy has been committed to welcoming people of all races, incomes, and expressions of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Share a Generous Grace We are a spirited community which boldly proclaims that forgiveness, mercy, love, and salvation are free gifts of God's grace.

Nurture Transforming Faith We are a spirited community that receives faith as a gift of God that transforms us and the world.

Live God's Promise We are a spirited community that boldly lives in our Lord's promise of renewed and everlasting life.

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